

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A zipper pull comprising: a slider body, which is fixed to respective portions of an article, and selectively engages and disengages opposed engaging elements of a pair of co-operating zipper stringers by operation of the zipper pull; a pull-tab movably connected to the slider body and made of rigid material; and a cover member connected to the pull-tab and made movable between a first position in which the ~~pull-tab~~ pull-tab is concealed in a an immovable state and a second position in which the ~~pull-tab~~ pull-tab is revealed,

wherein the cover member ~~is made of a soft material and~~ has a shape so as to prevent a condition that the pull-tab substantially and directly contacts adjoining portions of the article at the first position, and

wherein an inner side surface of said cover member has a receptacle for receiving and holding at least the pull-tab or a part of the slider body, and has moving interruption means for preventing a relative movement of the slider body and the cover member at a first position.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the receptacle of the cover member has an entrance passage having a size smaller than a corresponding dimension of the pull-tab and the pull-tab is firmly fitted in the receptacle through the entrance passage.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein an outer side surface in a longitudinal direction of the cover member has a convex curved surface.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to claim 1 or 5, wherein the cover member is essentially shell-shaped, and its inner side surface is a concave curved surface facing a the pull-tab.

Claim 7 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 6, wherein the cover member has an essentially C-shaped transverse cross section.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to claim 1 ~~or claim 7~~, wherein the cover member has an end portion which at a first position axially protrudes with respect to a the pull-tab and a the slider body and is manually grasped by a user to displace the cover member from the first position.

Claim 9 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 8, wherein the end portion of the cover member is longitudinally tapered.

Claim 10 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the end portion of the cover member has a tapered side surface.

Claim 11 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the cover member is made of soft plastics or rubber material.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein a the pull-tab has a first end portion that is connected to said slider body;

the cover member has an upper wall portion and right and left side wall portions and is connected to a second end portion of the pull-tab, which is at an opposite side of the first end portion; and

the moving interruption means for preventing a relative movement of the slider body and the cover member is provided to prevent a relative movement of the slider body and the cover member at a first position of the cover member at a part of the receptacle of the cover member.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 12, wherein a the slider body has a pull attaching post on a part of an upper surface of the slider body, and the pull attaching post is fitted and supported in the receptacle by said moving interruption means.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to claim 14, ~~wherein, on an inner surface of an upper wall portion of a cover member,~~ wherein a fitting concave portion to be engaged with an upper end portion of the pull attaching post is provided to be engaged with an upper end portion of the pull attaching post on an inner surface of an upper wall portion of the cover member.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 12, wherein the moving interruption means is provided at a part of right and left end portions of an upper wing plate of a slider body and the receptacle is provided at a part between opposed surfaces of right and left side wall portions of the cover member, and by the moving interruption means, the receptacle is fitted and supported at the part of the right and left end portions of the upper wing plate.

Claim 17 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 16, wherein the moving interruption means are formed on the opposed surfaces of the right and left side wall portions of the cover member and the right and left end surfaces of the slider body, respectively, and the moving interruption means has a projection portion or a concave portion to be fitted with each other.

Claim 18 (original): A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the cover member is hingedly connected to the pull-tab.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the pull-tab has a first end connected to the slider body, and the cover member is connected to a second end of the pull-tab which is opposite to the first end, whereby at the second position the cover member ~~forms~~ has an extended portion of the pull-tab to be grasped by a user.